



Emeriti Meeting - April 2023

The Emeriti Association has scheduled an in-person luncheon meeting for April.

Location: Athens Country Club, 7606 Country Club Rd, Athens, OH 45701

Date & Time: Thursday, April 20, 11:30 AM

Luncheon will be Buffet style, menu TBA

Cost: \$23 per person. Please have exact dollar amount at the door or a check made payable to the *OU Emeriti Association*.

Luncheon reservations are required: Reservation deadline is noon on Tuesday, April 18. Early reservations are encouraged. RSVP by sending an email to Tom Franz <franz@ohio.edu> confirming your reservation(s).



The speaker will be **Dr. Roxanne Malé-Brune**, Director - Grant Development and Projects in the Vice President for Research Office at Ohio University. Dr. Malé-Brune will be accompanied by several undergraduate students who will be summarizing their research and performances as presented at recent professional conferences. Student travel to the conferences was partially supported by the Ohio University Undergraduate Student Travel Fund to which the Emeriti Association has made regular financial contributions over the past several years.

Notes from the March 16 meeting

President **Rosemary Rossiter** reminded Emeriti of the meeting with representatives of STRS and OPERS scheduled for March 28 at 1 PM in Baker Theater. Information on tuning in the webcast will be provided via the listserv. A webcast archive will also be made available. Rossiter also noted that Emerita Julia Nehls will be celebrating her 102nd birthday. Cards and well wishes can be sent to her at the Laurels.

David Thomas, Nominations Committee Chair, reported on the following slate of nominees for the Emeriti Association Board. Elections are scheduled for the April meeting.

<i>President</i>	<i>Rosemary Rossiter</i>	<i>Volunteer Services</i>	<i>Martin Tuck</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Martin Tuck</i>	<i>Emeriti Park</i>	<i>Martin Tuck</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Allyn Reilly</i>	<i>Nominations</i>	<i>David Thomas</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Leslie Flemming</i>	<i>Archivist/Historian</i>	<i>Anne Braxton</i>
<i>Communications</i>	<i>Gary Coombs</i>	<i>Website</i>	<i>Richard Post</i>
<i>Membership</i>	<i>Scott Malcom</i>	<i>Benefits/ OCHER Representative</i>	<i>Rosemary Rossiter & Michael Williford</i>

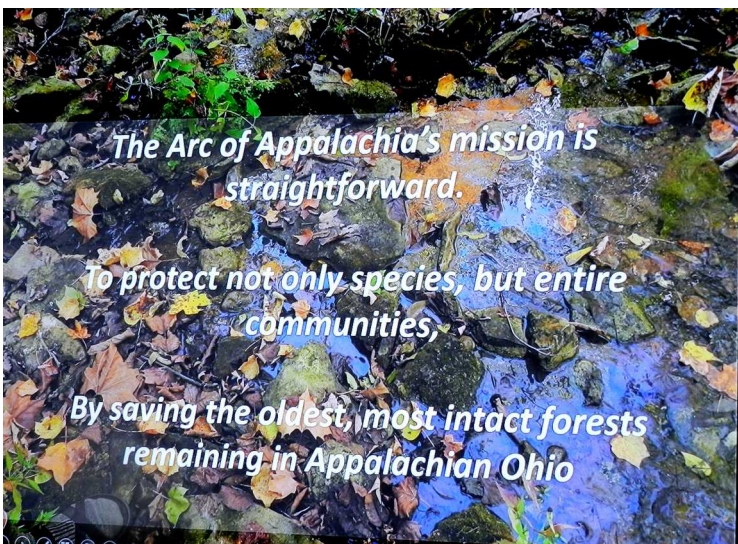
Volunteer Chair **Martin Tuck** noted that volunteers will be needed for the upcoming Quilt National at the Dairy Barn this summer. Marty also noted that a memorial tree in the Emeriti Park has been recommended to honor Scott Moody. Further information will be forthcoming.

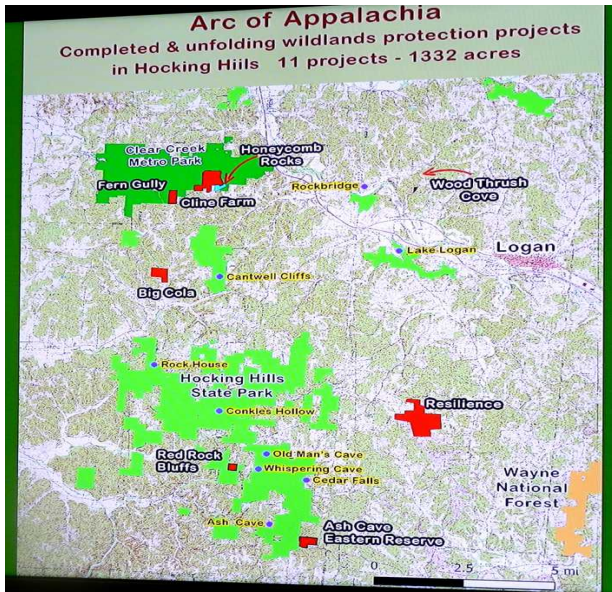
Marty then introduced the speaker, **Rick Perkins, Board President of the ARC of Appalachia** with its mission of preserving the beauty, balance & biodiversity of wildlands in Appalachian Ohio, having saved over 10,292 acres of land in its 27 years of stewardship. Relative to an opening question comparing the goals of ARC to the Athens Conservancy group with which he has also served, Perkins mentioned that ARC for the past 12 years has preferred to purchase property rather than having conservancy easements in order to better manage the property.



Perkins noted that the Eastern American temperate forest area including Appalachia has the highest aquatic diversity in the world largely because of the abundance of water. The forest is a community with 225 tree species but over 100,000 species of plants and animals. Invasive species such as autumn olive and honeysuckle are a concern especially in secondary forests and open fields. ARC is actively putting individual pieces of a large puzzle, the forest community, back together. ARC wildland preservation originally began in the Rocky Fork Cave Road area in Highland County. The areas preserved are in 28 regions in nine counties and include cave eco-systems, diverse prairie areas, outstanding geological scenery, expansive wetlands, and earthwork complexes such as Junction and Tremper mounds. ARC is most active currently in Hocking County although land prices there have skyrocketed. ARC's focus is tracts of 50 to 400 acres in size, typically family farms, working closely with other regional land trusts, including the Appalachia Ohio Alliance, the Athens Conservancy, and the Nature Conservancy.

Perkins distributed some printed copies of the [ARC of Appalachia 2022-23 report](#) with its excellent photography and has provided a PDF version for further distribution to Emeriti. (use the blue link to view or download the PDF)





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The US Army's first helicopter, Four rotors - nickname "The Octopus", McCook Field, Dayton OH.

